

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

Please replace the claims with the claims provided in the listing below wherein status, amendments, additions and cancellations are indicated.

1. - 10. (Canceled)

11. (Currently Amended) Self-adhesive sheet for bonding a floor covering to a floor, ~~consisting of~~ comprising:

a backing layer having a top surface adapted to face the floor covering and a bottom surface adapted to face the floor;

a first pressure-sensitive adhesive coating coated in a first pattern on the ~~entire~~ top surface of said backing layer, said coated top surface of said backing layer being planar and being adapted to adhere to the floor covering; and

a second pressure-sensitive adhesive coating coated in a second pattern that is the same as the first pattern on the bottom surface of said backing layer, said coated pressure sensitive adhesive bottom surface being planar and being adapted to adhere to the floor, said first pressure-sensitive adhesive coating having a different adhesive strength than said second pressure-sensitive adhesive coating and the adhesive strength of said second pressure-sensitive adhesive coating being lower than the adhesive strength of said first pressure-sensitive adhesive coating,

~~a removable cover film removably adhered to the coated top surface of said backing layer;~~

said backing layer comprising a polymer film,

the self-adhesive sheet having planar top and bottom surfaces consisting of said respective first and second adhesive coatings exposed and having a minimum width of 350 mm for extensive coverage of the floor to be covered with the floor covering.

12-15. (Cancelled)

16. (Previously Presented) Self-adhesive sheet of claim 11, wherein the adhesive strength of said second adhesive coating expressed as adhesive force, measured in accordance with DIN 1939, is about from 0.8 to 5 N.

17. (Previously Presented) Self-adhesive sheet of claim 11, wherein the different adhesive strength said first and second adhesive coatings is brought about by different adhesive application rates expressed as weight of adhesive per unit area of surface, the surface with the greater adhesive strength having a higher adhesive application rate.

18. (Previously Presented) Self-adhesive sheet of claim 11, wherein said first pressure-sensitive adhesive coating comprises pressure-sensitive adhesive different from the pressure-sensitive adhesive coating of said second pressure-sensitive adhesive coating.

19. (Previously Presented) Self-adhesive sheet according to Claim 17, wherein the adhesive application rate on the top surface is in a range from 100 to 250 g/m² and on the bottom surface is in a range from 5 to 40 g/m².

20-21. (Cancelled)

22. (Previously Presented) Self-adhesive sheet according to claim 16, wherein the adhesive strength of said second adhesive coating expressed as adhesive force is about 1.5 N to 3 N.

23. (Previously Presented) Self-adhesive sheet according to claim 22, wherein the adhesive strength of said second adhesive coating expressed as adhesive force is about 2.0 N to 2.6 N.

24. (Previously Presented) Self-adhesive sheet according to claim 19, wherein the adhesive application rate on the bottom surface is about 8 to 20 g/m².

25. (Previously Presented) Self-adhesive sheet according to claim 21, wherein the width of the self-adhesive sheet is in a range of from 500 mm to 1500 mm.

26. (Previously Presented) Self-adhesive sheet according to claim 25, wherein the width of the self-adhesive sheet is in a range of from 600 to 1000 mm.

27. (Currently Amended) A method for bonding a floor covering to a floor comprising:

coating with a first coating pattern ~~an entire~~ a top surface of a backing layer comprising polymer film with a first pressure-sensitive adhesive coating to form a coated top surface of the backing layer which is planar, and

coating with a second coating pattern that is the same as the first coating pattern a bottom surface of the backing layer with a second, planar pressure-sensitive adhesive coating to form a coated bottom surface of the backing layer which is planar, the first pressure-sensitive adhesive coating having a different adhesive strength than the second pressure-sensitive adhesive coating and the

adhesive strength of the second pressure-sensitive adhesive coating being lower than the adhesive strength of the first pressure-sensitive adhesive coating,

thereby to produce a self-adhesive sheet having planar top and bottom surfaces and consisting of a backing layer the top surface of which is coated with the first pressure-sensitive adhesive coating and the bottom surface of which is coated with the second pressure-sensitive adhesive, and

~~adhering a removable cover film to the coated top surface of said backing layer;~~

adhering the bottom surface of the self-adhesive sheet to the floor by means of the second pressure-sensitive adhesive coating, and

adhering the floor covering to the self-adhesive sheet by means of the first pressure-sensitive adhesive coating.

28. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 27, wherein the floor covering is a carpet.

29. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 28, wherein the floor is parquet.

30. (Previously Presented) Self-adhesive sheet according to claim 11, wherein said backing layer is made of propylene or polyethylene film.

31. (Previously Presented) Self-adhesive sheet according to claim 11, further comprising a first textile structure arranged on the top surface of said backing layer and a second textile structure arranged on the bottom surface of said backing layer.

32. (Currently Amended) Self-adhesive sheet for bonding a floor covering to a floor, ~~consisting of~~ comprising:

a backing layer having a top surface adapted to face the floor covering and a bottom surface adapted to face the floor;

a first pressure-sensitive adhesive coating coated in a first pattern on the ~~entire~~ top surface of said backing layer, said coated top surface of said backing layer being a rhomboidal threaded mesh and being adapted to adhere to the floor covering; and

a second pressure-sensitive adhesive coating coated in a second pattern that is the same as the first pattern on the bottom surface of said backing layer, said coated pressure sensitive adhesive bottom surface being planar and being adapted to adhere to the floor, said first pressure-sensitive adhesive coating having a different adhesive strength than said second pressure-sensitive adhesive coating and the

adhesive strength of said second pressure-sensitive adhesive coating being lower than the adhesive strength of said first pressure-sensitive adhesive coating,

~~a removable cover film removably adhered to the coated top surface of said backing layer;~~

said backing layer comprising a polymer film,

the self-adhesive sheet having planar top and bottom surfaces consisting of said respective first and second adhesive coatings exposed and having a minimum width of 350 mm for extensive coverage of the floor to be covered with the floor covering.

33. (New) Self-adhesive sheet according claim 11, wherein the first and second adhesive coatings have an equivalent surface area.

34. (New) The method according to claim 27, wherein the first and second adhesive coatings have an equivalent surface area.

35. (New) Self-adhesive sheet according claim 32, wherein the first and second adhesive coatings have an equivalent surface area.

36. (New) A self-adhesive sheet, comprising:

a backing layer having a top surface and a bottom surface;
a first pressure-sensitive adhesive coating comprised of a first adhesive on the top surface; and
a second pressure-sensitive adhesive coating comprised of a second adhesive on the bottom surface,
wherein the adhesive strength of the first adhesive is greater than the adhesive strength of the second adhesive.

37. (New) Self-adhesive sheet according claim 11 wherein said first pattern is on the entire top surface of said backing layer.